

SELECT FUCHSIAS.

Fuchsias are among the prettiest of our soft wooded, free-blooming plants. They are of the easiest culture, requiring during the summer a partially shaded position, with moderately enriched soil and plenty of water during their season of growth. Some of the varieties are also well adapted for bedding purposes. Such varieties as possess good habit and good vigorous growth, and also free blooming qualities, are the most suitable for this purpose. I give below the best of a large collection, including all the newer kinds recently introduced :

Avalanche (Smiths).—Of a straggling growth, the flowers are of the largest size, double, corolla white.

Avalanche (Henderson's).—The habit of this variety is neat and compact, although a strong grower; the foliage is of light yellow, the flowers very large, the sepals crimson, corolla purple. In the western cities this kind is grown more extensively for retailing than is any other. Its habit of blooming when quite small makes it suitable for this purpose. It is without doubt the best dark double fuchsia, all qualities considered, in cultivation.

Black Prince.—A distinct variety; tubes and sepals a waxy carmine; pale pink corolla, margined with rose.

Elm City.—An old double fuchsia of good habit; tube and sepals bright scarlet; corolla crimson.

Queen of Whites.—Tube and sepals bright red; pure white single corolla; good habit.

Lord Byron.—One of the finest dark single fuchsias of recent introduction, having a fine branching habit, blooming when quite small; tube and sepals bright crimson; corolla large, open; of the darkest purple, almost black.

Mrs. H. Cannell.—Considerable excitement has been manifested among horticulturists on both sides of the Atlantic regarding the merits of this fuchsia. It is undoubtedly one of the finest double white varieties yet introduced. The flowers are of large size, and are produced in great abundance on well-shaped plants.

Sunray.—Some plants of this fuchsia in our greenhouses just now have leaves of the finest markings, and of the richest colors, equalling the finest tricolor geraniums, and not much inferior to the fine-leaved caladiums. The flowers have scarlet sepals with purple corollas.

Warrior Queen.—A good single, crimson sepals, corolla violet.

The following are the best winter-blooming kinds :—

Speciosa.—Sepals flesh-colored; corolla scarlet.

Mrs. Marshall.—Pure white tube and sepals; rosy-pink corolla.

Bianca marginata.—The sepals of this one are white, corolla crimson.

Earl of Beaconsfield.—Of recent introduction, but an excellent one for winter blooming. The blooms are often over three inches long, the tube and sepals a light rosy carmine, corolla a deeper carmine. A splendid flower for keeping a long time after being cut, being of fine substance. The double-flowering kinds are not very suitable for winter blooming, but can be had to bloom early in the spring by propagating early in the fall, and growing on slowly during winter.—M. MILTON, in *Country Gentleman*.